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TASK FORCE 168 COMMAND HISTORY  
1986

I. BASIC HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

(U) A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.

1986 for Task Force 168 represented a year of expansion. Task Force units were opened in the Washington, DC area; Subic Bay, R.P.; Esquimalt, B.C.; San Francisco, CA; and Pearl Harbor, HI; the Collection Advisory Center grew to support a 24-hour, full-time watchstanding effort. A change of command marked CAPT D. M. Sherburne's assumption of leadership for CTF 168.

(U) B. COMMAND MISSION.

CTF 168 missions are listed for the commander and for the major departments.

COMMANDER TASK FORCE 168 MISSION:

(U) The Commanding Officer, Naval Intelligence Operations Group, CTF 168, is assigned additional duty as Assistant Commander, Naval Intelligence Command for Operations (NIC-03).

(U) His mission is to manage the levy and satisfaction of naval intelligence collection requirements, to conduct and support collection functions, and to perform such other functions and task as may be directed by higher authority.

CTF 168 FUNCTIONS

(U) 1. Provides qualified personnel, equipment, and support to assist the operating forces in intelligence collection and reporting.

(U) 3. Operates the Collection Advisory Center (CAC), facilitating time-sensitive collection matters through direct communications with Fleet commands, the Defense Intelligence Agency, and national intelligence systems.

(U) 4. In a timely manner, advises Navy Collectors of favorable collection opportunities, of related outstanding collection requirements, and of the availability of additional resources to assist them.

(U) 5. Provides guidance to Navy collectors on the requirements, collection, and reporting of intelligence information.

(U) 6. Manages NAVINTCOM support of fleet intelligence collection planning, implementation and evaluation.

(U) 7. Supervises the development, coordination, and appraisal of intelligence collection programs to satisfy Department of the Navy and Department of Defense intelligence information requirements.

(U) 8. Provides intelligence collection support to U.S. Naval and Defense Attachés.

(U) 9. In close coordination with research and development elements, provides acquisition and installation services, training, and maintenance of intelligence collection equipment for a wide range of Navy collectors.

(U) 10. Develops program objectives and resource requirements for intelligence collection operations.

#### SUPPORT DEPARTMENT (CTF 168C) MISSION:

(U) To manage assigned financial, personnel, and equipment resources in administrative support of intelligence collection. The department supports the headquarters elements and components administratively and manages resource support of intelligence collection by providing qualified personnel, equipment, and requisite budgeting.

#### COLLECTION ADVISORY DEPARTMENT (CTF 168CAC) MISSION:

(U) To manage time-sensitive collection guidance and requirements in support of the Fleet and to provide tasking coordination for employment of national intelligence systems in support of Navy requirements.

#### INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (CTF 168F) MISSION:

(U) To manage naval intelligence cooperative programs with friendly navies and to manage the release and denial of military intelligence under the cognizance of the Director of Naval Intelligence to foreign governments and international organizations.

**COLLECTION GUIDANCE AND REQUIREMENTS DEPARTMENT (CTF 168R)**

**MISSION:**

(U) To manage multi-source collection guidance, requirements, and reporting in support of the Fleet and Naval Shore establishment; to meet Navy responsibilities to the National Intelligence community; to manage fleet and shore establishment requirements; and to initiate tasking coordination to National Intelligence Systems.

**OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (CTF 168H) MISSION:**

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**CTG 168.1/PACFAST MISSION:**

(U) To provide specialized technical and analytical support in intelligence collection to the operational forces, as directed by CINCPACFLT, and to perform such other tasks and functions as directed.

**CTG 168.2/LANTFAST MISSION:**

(U) To provide and maintain a highly specialized field team to supplement and complement CINCLANTFLT's intelligence assets and to afford assistance in effective management, operation, maintenance, and exploitation of intelligence resources as directed by CINCLANTFLT, and to perform such other tasks and functions as directed.

**CTG 168.3/EURFAST MISSION:**

(U) To provide and maintain a highly specialized field; to supplement and complement Naval Forces Europe intelligence assets; to provide assistance in the management, operation, maintenance, and exploitation of intelligence resources, as directed by CINCUSNAVEUR; and to perform such other tasks and functions as directed.

CTG 168.4 MISSION:

(U) To manage and conduct naval intelligence collection and exchange programs in the European Theater, as directed by Commander, Task Force 168, and to perform such other tasks and functions as directed.

CTG 168.5 MISSION:

(U) To conduct naval intelligence collection operations in the western Pacific as directed by Commander, Task Force 168 and to perform such other tasks and functions as directed.

CTG 168.6 MISSION:

(U) To collect and report on maritime information in the Panama Canal area and to perform such other tasks and functions as directed by Commander, Task Force 168.

C. COMMAND ORGANIZATION:

**D. MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

(U) 1. CTF 168, its Task Groups, Units, and Elements all continued to provide support in intelligence collection. All elements provided collection guidance, briefings, evaluation and analyses, and liaison for their respective areas of responsibility.

(U) 2. CTF 168 expanded its capability to provide intelligence collection support by opening new units in San Francisco, CA; Pearl Harbor, HI; Suitland, MD; Subic Bay, R.P.; and Esquimalt, B.C.

(U) 3. CTG 168.1, CTG 168.2, and CTG 18.3, continued to provide direct support to the Fleet with specialized technical and analytical support.

(U) 4. In January 1986 the Collection Advisory Center went to 24 hour-a-day operations. This was made possible with the arrival of seven additional officers and billet growth from five (four officer, one civilian) to thirteen (eleven officer, two civilian) personnel

(U) 5. The International Programs Department (TF 168F) conducted productive naval intelligence exchanges with 46 friendly foreign navies and monitored, on an almost daily basis, related programs and joint collection efforts. Project officers conducted visits to 12 countries, both in the Pacific and Europe. TF 168F planned and coordinated over 90 visits to Washington-area intelligence activities by foreign intelligence personnel, including 6 DNI equivalents. This office was also involved in coordination and preparation of a new intelligence agreement with a foreign navy which was concluded in March. Several unique collection efforts were undertaken successfully to meet priority tasking. The new initiatives provided positive feedback for exercising more unique and non-traditional approaches in answering naval intelligence needs.

(U) 6. Four Naval Reserve Units provided assistance to CTF 168 in management and processing of intelligence requirements in support of the Naval Intelligence Command and Fleet operations.

NTG 0466 provided direct support to four of the five departments:

- Mobilization Readiness Projects (MRP's) for CTF 168H
- MRP's for CTF 168R
- Qualified watchstander support for CTF 168CAC
- Administrative support for CTF 168C.

NOM 0109 provided direct support for production of IIR's in support of a DIA Biographics Data Program MRP.

NOM 0209 provided direct support for production of IIR's in support of a DIA Biographics Data Program MRP.

NOM 0310 provided direct support for CTF 168F MRP by performing document review for release control for the Naval Intelligence Command Data Resource and Production Management Department (NIC-05).

## II. Special Projects

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